Granite City

PARK DISTRICT

Fall & Winter Program Guide



2026-2027

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT

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Brown Recreation Center | 2165 Amos Avenue | 618-876-2880
Legacy Golf Course | 3500 Cargill Road | 618- 931-4653
Lincoln Place Community Center | 822 Niedringhaus Avenue | 618-877-3059

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Board of Commissioners and staff are pleased to welcome you to the Granite City Park District's 2026–2027 fall and winter season. As the days grow cooler, we invite you to stay active, connect with others, and enjoy the recreational opportunities available right here in our community.

Since 1921, the Granite City Park District has brought people together through recreation. For more than 105 years, our parks, recreation centers, community pool, ice rink, golf course, and other facilities have provided places to play, learn, and create lasting memories. We are proud of this tradition and remain committed to serving residents of all ages.

This season's guide features a variety of activities and programs for you and your family to enjoy. Whether you are returning to a favorite activity or trying something different, we encourage you to explore what your Park District has to offer.

I am proud to serve as your Director of Parks and Recreation and to work with a team dedicated to our community. We remain focused on improving our services, strengthening our programs, and exploring opportunities that reflect residents' interests. Your feedback helps guide that work, and we welcome your suggestions and program ideas. Please follow us on Facebook and visit www.gcparkdistrict.com for announcements, current schedules, and program registration.

Thank you for your continued support of the Granite City Park District. We look forward to seeing you this fall and winter!

Justin M. Brinkmeyer, CPRP, CPO
Director of Parks and Recreation

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Granite City Park District is to enhance the quality of life through the development of facilities and the offering of programs and recreation services; to preserve the environment through the conservation and protection of natural resources; and to provide leisure opportunities for the benefit of its citizens.

Park District I.D. Cards

Residents of the Park District may purchase identification cards at the Main Office 9am- 4:30pm. Proof of residency is required. Acceptable forms of proof of residency include: driver's license/ state I.D. card, a current utility bill, current tax bill, voter registration card, or car registration. The cost of each I.D. is $5 and they are valid for two years. The card entitles the residents to receive discounts at the Legacy Golf Course, Ice Rink, Swimming Pool and Multi-Purpose Court. A $2 fee will be charged for all subsequent replacement cards if lost or stolen (must have proper identification and proof of residency at the time of reissue.)

Refund Policy

The Park District is committed to providing quality recreation for our residents. If you are not satisfied with a program after the first class you may request a refund. All requests must be received no later than 5 days after the start of a program. Please allow three to six weeks for processing. This policy doesn't apply to one day events or programs shorter than six weeks. **Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be evaluated and rescheduled based on specific program guidelines and structure.** If a refund is approved, allow the standard three to six weeks for processing.

Security Deposits

All facility rentals over $100 include a $50 security deposit. Rentals under $100 require a $25 security deposit. Please refer to the Refund Policy for information on the timing of Security Deposit refunds. The deposit will not be refunded if the rental is cancelled less than 48 hours before the rental time/date, or if the facility was damaged.

PARK DISTRICT FACILITY RENTALS

AVAILABLE FOR NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ONLY

Lincoln Place Community Center

West Room | $162 (4 hours);
seats 75 with tables and chairs
$24 for each additional hour.

Legacy Golf Course

Banquet Room | $278 Whole Room;
seats 80. Please contact Legacy
Golf Course for additional information.

Facilities are available at our various locations and may be rented by local organizations and Park District residents when not in use for regular programming. Please contact the Main Office for availability.

All rental fees include the required security deposit.

Shelter Reservations

Offered exclusively to Park District Residents

All shelter reservations must be made Online at www.gcparkdistrict.com. Proof of residency is required to reserve a shelter. Reservations will not be accepted for holidays. Reservations for the 2027 calendar year can be made starting Monday, January 4, 2027.

Gazebo Reservations

The Wilson Park Gazebo, located in Sieveking Gardens near 27th and Delmar, is available for reservations April through October. Two hour blocks of time are available for $89 for Park District Residents and $119 for Non-Residents. The setting is ideal for weddings or wedding pictures. Gazebo reservations may be booked one year in advance at the Main Park Office.

GYMNASTICS, DANCE, & TUMBLING

6 Week Sessions | Resident: $45 Non-Resident: $60
Classes held once a week at Brown Recreation Center



PARENT/TOT GYMNASTICS

#106 - TUESDAY 5:00 - 5:30 PM
#110 - THURSDAY 5:00 - 5:30 PM

Children in this class get undivided attention while bonding with their caregivers but also learn to socialize with other kids and follow directions. Little ones ages 1-3 explore, develop, and practice motor skills, body awareness, eye-hand coordination, strength, and balance on the gymnastics equipment in a structured environment.

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS

#107 - TUESDAY 5:30 - 6:00 PM
#111 - THURSDAY 5:30 - 6:00 PM

This class focuses on basic gymnastics and tumbling with jumps, rolls, handstands, cartwheels, and skills on the balance beam, uneven bars, and vault with instruction from fun coaches. Preschoolers ages 4-5 develop socialization, learn to follow directions, and build muscle coordination, and gross motor skills.

BEGINNING GYMNASTICS

#108 - TUESDAY 6:00 -7:00 PM | #112- THURSDAY 6:00 -7:00 PM

This class lays the foundation to progress and build upon. In this class athletes will learn rolls, handstands, cartwheels, roundoffs, bridges, jumps and various skills on the balance beam, uneven bars, vault, air-track, and mini trampoline. Boys registered for this class may also utilize the pommel horse and rings

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INTERMEDIATE/ ADVANCED GYMNASTICS

#109 - TUESDAY 7:00- 8:00 PM | #113 - THURSDAY 7:00- 8:00 PM

This class is for athletes who have mastered the beginner level and can demonstrate the technique and form in order to progress to more advanced skills. Performing skills with ease on the apparatus is necessary for this level. Our highly trained coaches are excited to give instruction in back handsprings, front walkovers and back walkovers at this level. Handstands and cartwheels on the balance beam, back hip circles on the uneven bars, and front handsprings on the vault are perfected in this class.

CHEERLEADING & DANCE COMBO CLASS

#120 - CLASS DAY/TIME IS DEPENDENT ON INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY

If your child dreams of being a dancer or cheerleader, give them a start with this class. Your child will learn cool moves in a variety of dance styles such as ballet, tap, jazz, and hip-hop. Cheerleading fundamentals taught include cheers, stunts, jumps, voice projection, pom-pom techniques and of course tumbling. Ballet & tap shoes are recommended.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Safety is our utmost concern and we want all our participants to remember that good manners and behavior are essential to ensuring everyone's safety and making your experience with us a pleasant one. We ask that you report any conduct that is not acceptable to the supervisor on duty.

2027 TENTATIVE OPEN GYM

May 18, 20, 25, 27

6:00pm- 7:30pm

Drop-In Fee: $15/visit
Ages 5 & Up

CLASSES MAY BE COMBINED OR CANCELLED IF MINIMUM PARTICIPATION IS NOT MET.

XTREME TEAM/ PRE-TEAM

XTREME TEAM: PRE-TEAM/ BRONZE/ SILVER/ GOLD

 # 104- MONDAY & SATURDAY

When recreational classes are not enough, it's time for the next big step in our sport! This means longer instructional training sessions, more time on the apparatus, and competitions.
Team gymnasts learn skills and routines from the USA Gymnastics Xcel Program, which provides a positive introduction to the competitive side of gymnastics. Athletes in this program practice and are enrolled year-round and compete throughout Illinois and Missouri. Gymnasts must meet certain criteria to be enrolled in this program. Before enrolling, all athletes must be approved by the Program Director. The cost of this program is **$100.00 for Residents and $126 for Non-Residents; every 6-Week Session.** Additional fees may apply for competitions. Fundraising participation within the Parents Booster Club offsets the cost.

TUMBLING

#115- SATURDAY 12:00-1:00 PM

The focus of this class is to learn and master the skills on the floor and Air Tracks only (no apparatus). Children ages 6+ may register and then are divided into groups by skill level so that they can progress at their own ability level. Whether it's rolls and cartwheels or roundoff back handsprings and back tucks; our expert coaches have you covered.

JR. HIGH/ HIGH SCHOOL TUMBLING

#117- THURSDAY 8:00-9:00 PM

This class is for advanced athletes, or those currently enrolled on cheer/dance teams wishing to progress their tumbling skills. If your child has an upcoming tryout in Junior High or High School, this class would also be beneficial. The coaching staff is trained to work with students so that they can get a head start on cheerleading and dance team skills, tumbling, jumps and stunts.

GYMNASTICS SESSION DATES

6 Week Sessions | Resident: $45 Non-Resident: $60
Classes held once a week at Brown Recreation Center

Fall/Winter Session 2
Registration Opens October 13
Tuesday Classes: November 3- December 8
Thursday Classes: October 29 - December 10 (No Class 11/26)
Saturday Classes: October 31- December 12 (No Class 11/28)
Xtreme Team: ctober 31- December 12 (No Class 11/28)

Winter Session 3
Registration Opens December 1
Tuesday Classes: January 5- February 9
Thursday Classes: January 7- February 11
Saturday Classes: January 9- February 13
Xtreme Team: January 4- February 12

Winter/ Spring Session 4
Registration February 1
Tuesday Classes: February 16- March 23
Thursday Classes: February 18- March 25
Saturday Classes: February 20- March 27
Xtreme Team: February 22- April 3

Spring Session 5 (Showcase Session)
Registration Opens March 22
Tuesday Classes: April 6- May 11 (Showcase May 13)
Thursday Classes: April 8- May 13 (Showcase May 13)
Saturday Classes: April 10- May 15 (Showcase May 15)
Xtreme Team: April 5- May 15 (Showcase May 10)
*Classes **will be held** during Spring Break/Easter Monday

BIRTHDAY PARTY INFORMATION

Our gymnastics birthday parties are sure to excite your guests as they jump, tumble, and flip their way through fun games and activities. It's non-stop action for all ages. Our parties are great for birthdays, but also fun for scouting groups, sports teams, or back-to-school parties.

Package prices are based on 10 children. Each additional participant is $10. Each package includes: birthday invitations, participation waivers, a party host, experienced gymnastics coaches, gym activities and a party room. The birthday child will receive a medal and participating guests receive ribbons.
For additional information please email Program Director Belinda Bahn at bbahn@graniteparkdistrict.com

Gold Party: 2 Hours
Residents: $190; Non-Residents: $205

Silver Party: 1.5 Hours
Residents: $160; Non-Residents: $175

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL AND POP-UP CLASS INFORMATION!

WILSON PARK ICE RINK

Public Session will run Friday, November 6, 2026 through Sunday, February 14, 2027

PUBLIC SESSIONS
FRIDAY | 7:30PM-9:30PM
SATURDAY | 7:45PM-9:45PM
SUNDAY | 1:30PM- 3:30PM

** Additional days and times may be announced.





Ice Skating Admission Fees

(Park ID required for resident rates.)

	Non-Resident	Park I.D.
Child	$5	$4
Adult	$6	$5
Senior (60+)	$5	$4

All Skate Rental $2

Holiday Skating Sessions

1:00pm-3:00pm

November 23-25, 27 (Thanksgiving Break)
December 21-23, 28-30 (Christmas Break)
January 18 (Martin Luther King Day)
February 15 (Presidents Day)

Customer Appreciation Days

You must have a valid Park I.D. for this offer. Admission is FREE the first Sunday of the month, during the months of November, December, January, and February.

Public Session Season Passes

	Non-Resident	Park District Residents
Family of Four	$320	$260
+ Additional Child	$50	$40
Adult Pass	$120	$100
Child Pass	$100	$80

LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES

All classes are held on Saturdays.
Ages 3 & older through adult
Resident: $90 | Non-Resident: $125

This program is coordinated by Kim Werths, a Freestyle 7 Level Skater and Instructor testing level. She has worked for the Park District for 29 years, and is a Certified Associate Instructor/Silver Certified Judge of the Ice Skating Institute of America. Kim received a Bronze medal in 2002 in the National Inline Speed Skating Championships and Gold medals in 2001 & 2002 in the North Central Regional Inline Skating Championships.

Session I: October 24- November 28
#39 Freestyle 4:15pm-5:00pm
#40 Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta 3:45pm-4:15pm
#41 Beginners (Ages 3-5) 3:15pm-3:45pm
#42 Beginners (Ages 6 & Up) 3:15pm-3:45pm
#43 Adults 3:45pm-4:15pm

Session II: December 5- January 9
#44 Freestyle 4:15pm-5:00pm
#45 Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta 3:45pm-4:15pm
#46 Beginners (Ages 3-5) 3:15pm-3:45pm
#47 Beginners (Ages 6 & Up) 3:15pm-3:45pm
#48 Adults 3:45pm-4:15pm

Session III: January 16- February 20
#49 Freestyle 4:15pm-5:00pm
#50 Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta 3:45pm-4:15pm
#51 Beginners (Ages 3-5) 3:15pm-3:45pm
#52 Beginners (Ages 6 & Up) 3:15pm-3:45pm
#53 Adults 3:45pm-4:15pm





WILSON PARK ICE RINK

Power, Speed, and Conditioning
Resident: $90 | Non-Resident: $125

Hockey players and figure skaters are encouraged to participate in this six week program held on **Sunday evenings from 7:50pm-8:50pm.** All participants must be able to skate forward, backward, stop, and be able to do forward/backward crossovers. Each participant MUST have a helmet and gloves. All other protective gear is optional. Kim Werths, National Bronze Speed Skating Champion and Instructor will cover edging, maneuverability, endurance, technique, speed drills, leg strength building and stopping.

#54 Session I October 25- November 29
#55 Session II December 6- January 10
#56 Session III January 17- February 21

Stick & Puck
Admission: $6

Please call the Ice Rink for information on dates and times. All participants **MUST** have helmets and gloves.

Punch Cards can be purchased for $30! Pay for five and the sixth is **FREE!**

Drop In Hockey
Admission: $10

Please call the Ice Rink for information on dates and times. All participants **MUST** have helmets and gloves.

Intro to Hockey
Resident: $105 | Non-Resident: $135

This is an introductory program for children ages 5-8. The USA Hockey certified coaches will focus instruction primarily on the fundamentals of skating and other basic hockey skills. The program will consist of ten instructional sessions and two game scenarios. Equipment may be rented from the Park District for a cash deposit of $100 ($75 refund will be granted upon proper return of the equipment).

Parent Meeting November 1 6:40pm- 7:40pm
#77 November 8- January 31 6:40pm- 7:40pm

*No class held December 27 for holiday break.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Basketball

This instructional league is perfect for children 1st Grade through 8th Grade to learn the basics of the game. Registration will open in November 2026, with games starting in January of 2027. Follow the Park District Facebook for additional announcements.





Youth Baseball

Our Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues run May-July. Registration for the 2027 season will open in January of 2027. Follow the Park District Facebook for additional announcements.

Nothing kills a program quicker...

than waiting until the last minute to register for it. At some point a decision has to be made on whether or not to cancel a program due to lack of participation. Registering at the last minute may mean that the program has already been cancelled.

ADULT PROGRAMS

YOGA

$6 per class or Fitness Punch Card
(available for purchase in the Main Park Office)

Lincoln Place Community Center
Monday | 10:15am
Wednesday & Friday | 10:15am

Loose, comfortable clothing should be worn at each session. Yoga mat, pillow and blanket are needed for the beginner class.



CARDIO CLASS

$6 PER CLASS OR FITNESS PUNCH CARD
(AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE MAIN PARK OFFICE)

Lincoln Place Community Center
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00am-10:00am

Loose, comfortable clothing should be worn at each session.





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HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

WILSON PARK

4PM-8PM

Join us Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 4pm-8pm for our Halloween festivities!
Visit the Main Concession Stand (located by Sykes Field) to obtain your punch card before "creeping" around to all the different stands and activities.

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WALK OF MEMORIES



The Granite City Park District Walk of Memories Program offers several location options to honor a loved one or show civic pride.
Brick locations include:
Wilson Park
Ice Rink (new!)
Legacy Golf Course
Lincoln Place
Worthen Dog Park

For more information please call or visit the

Main Park District Office.



SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Shelter reservations must be made online at www.gcparkdistrict.com. 2 forms of ID are needed to verify residency. Reservations open January 4, 2027 for the 2027 calendar year.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

618-877-3059

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PARK I.D.'s

WHAT TO KNOW & WHERE TO GO



1 WHERE TO GO

Park IDs can be purchased at the Main Park Office:
2900 Benton St.
Granite City, IL 62040

2 WHAT TO BRING

- Photo ID: Driver's License, Student ID, FOID Card
- Proof of Residency: Utility Bill, Insurance Statement

WITH YOUR PARK ID you will receive discounted admission to the Park Pool, discounted admission to Public Ice Skating Sessions at the Ice Rink, and discounted regular play at The Legacy Golf Course.

3 HOW MUCH? HOW LONG?

ID's cost $5 and are good for 2 calendar years from the date of purchase.

MORE INFORMATION 618-877-3059 www.graniteparkdistrict.com